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Man Convicted For 2017 Crime Spree in Whittier, La Mirada

A 23-year-old man was convicted today for a shooting spree that left one man dead and two others injured in southeastern Los Angeles County two years ago, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jurors deliberated for about six days before finding Alejandro Lazo (dob 3/9/96) guilty of one count of first-degree murder, 12 counts of attempted murder and one count of carjacking. The panel also found true gun and gang allegations.

Sentencing is set for Jan. 6 in Department H of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Norwalk Branch. Lazo faces a possible maximum sentence of more than 300 years to life in state prison.

On April 29, 2017, Lazo and Reyna Gomez (dob 11/19/90) carjacked a driver in Pico Rivera. The pair drove to Whittier where they shot and wounded a man in an alley. The shooting spree continued when they opened fire on two vehicles and injured another person, prosecutors said.

They then drove to La Mirada in the stolen vehicle where they stopped at an intersection and shot at several vehicles. One driver, 44-year-old Jose Ricardo Sahagun, was killed by the gunfire.

The defendants were later found nearby in another vehicle and were arrested.

Gomez was found guilty last year of one count of first-degree murder, 14 counts of attempted murder and one count of carjacking. Gun and gang allegations also were found to be true.

She was sentenced to the maximum term of 83 years and four months, plus 270 years to life, in state prison.

Case VA144673 was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Whittier Police Department.

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